Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): Are Government satisfied with what the Bank Authorities have done in the matter?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): It is only just now that it was brought to the notice of the Government.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): May I know whether anything by way of punishment was done in the matter?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): The explanation taken was already recorded as could be seen from the paper read by Mr. Iyyu.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): So no warning was given?

Mr. P. J George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): When he is prevented from receiving M. Os. hereafter, that itself is a warning.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): May I know whether any promotion was recommended for him by the Bank Authorities, after this mis-appropriation?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): Some proposals are pending. That is all. Nothing has been done. Some proposals have come for a general revision.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Has the Director of the Bank specially recommended for a promotion for this man?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): They have sent some proposals for a general revision of the pay of the staff and not about this particular man specially.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Including the person that has mis-appropriated?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): Yes, he is one among the staff.

MARKETING OFFICERS—APPOINTMENT OF.

132. Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is prepared to appoint more marketing officers in the State?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): Government do not think it necessary to appoint more marketing officers.

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Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): How many marketing officers are there now?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): There are two marketing officers and they have been sent back to their original posts. Now orders have been issued regarding the survey and marketing of fish and cashew-nuts.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): Is it because these marketing officers could not do anything substantial that they were sent back?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): We wanted to do that along with the All-India Marketing Commission. The Agricultural Research Institute of India are taking up one subject after another and we are also co-operating with them. Now they are going to take up this fish and cashew-nut survey. So we have deputed our marketing officers to do the survey works on these products.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal (*Vadakkancheri*): Does not the Government think that a necessity has arisen to give effective aid to the producers by means of finding markets for the sale of their produce?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): Yes, the Government are seriously considering that question.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal (*Vadakkancheri*): Is any substantial step taken by the Government in that direction?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): We always co-operate with the All-India Authorities.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal (*Vadakkancheri*): Do Government think that so far as Talappalli and Trichur Taluks are concerned, there are large surpluses of arecanuts produced in them without a market?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): That also will be taken up.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal (*Vadakkancheri*): Does the Government know that the price of arecanut has fallen down considerably this year?

Mr. President: That does not arise out of this question.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal (*Vadakkancheri*): I am bringing it to the notice of the Government that the price of this commodity has fallen considerably this year from last year. So I say that there is necessity for finding out markets for arecanuts. The arecanuts, even now, find a market in places outside Malabar, such as Salem and Coimbatore. But for want of

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proper knowledge so far as these producers are concerned, they do dot know what exactly the conditions of markets outside are. So I wish to bring to the notice of the Government the necessity to make a thorough inquiry in this matter and to find out a solution.

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): As a matter of fact, Government are giving serious consideration to it.

DEPRESSED CLASSES—DISCONTINUANCE OF STUDIES—PARTICULARS.

133. Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the Government be pleased to supply:—

(*a*) the number of depressed classes students who, after being admitted, discontinue their studies in

(*i*) Primary, (*ii*) Lower Secondary, (*iii*) Upper Secondary, (*iv*) College, (*v*) Industrial Schools, (*vi*) Trade Schools, (*vii*) Training Institute and (*viii*) Music Institute?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): As the year to which the information called for relates is not specified, it is not possible to supply the information.

COLLEGIATE EDUCATION—MUSLIMS—CONCESSIONS.

134. Mr. K. P. Vallon (*Nominated*): താഴെ എഴുതുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക മറുപടിനൽകുവാൻ ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവൺമെണ്ടിന്നു ഭയവുണ്ടാകുമോ;—

കോളേജു വിദ്യാഭ്യാസാർത്ഥം മുസ്ലീം സമുദായത്തിൽപെട്ട എത്ര വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്ക" സ്റ്റൈപ്പൻറ" നൽകുന്നുണ്ട്?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*):

4th U. C.—5 boys and 1 girl
3rd U. C.—3 boys
2nd U. C.—14 boys
1st U. C.—13 boys

Total 35 boys & 1 girl

BACKWARD STUDENTS—ST. THOMAS' COLLEGE—CONCESSIONS TO.

135. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of Cochinite students belonging to the backward communities who study in the St. Thomas' College, Trichur, at present in the four University classes (to be shown separately);

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